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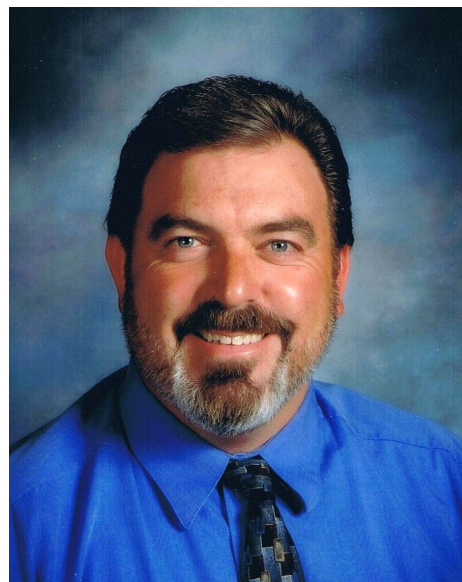
YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Hopefully everyone has been having a wonderful month of July celebrating our Independence and recognizing the sacrifices made by the Utah pioneers. I am sure that many of you have been out metal detecting and we are looking forward to seeing your finds in the Finds of the Month Competition.

I would like to give a big thank you to our two guest speakers this last month, Duane Bylund and Roger Nielson. I am sure that everyone agrees with me in saying that their presentation was spectacular. It has been our privilege to be taken back in time to visit Johnston's Army in 1858 through their talk and their wonderful books.

This month's speaker is Weston Davidson. He is a Browning firearms enthusiast who has been studying and researching firearms and pat-



ents for many years. With this year's club metal being dedicated to John M Browning this talk should shed some light on understanding this great firearms inventor.

This past week I was on vacation with my family in the Cody Wyoming area. I visited the Buffalo Bill Cody Historical Center where they have five large museums; Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Draper Museum of Natural History, Buffalo Bill Museum, Plains Indian Museum, and the

Cody Firearms Museum. In the Cody Firearms Museum there is a section dedicated to John M. Browning showing his wonderful inventions and contributions to advancements in many different areas of firearms (See attached photos). I scheduled an appointment with the museum administrators to discuss our club history and current metal design. The museum was very impressed and made a generous donation to our club that I will share with the membership at the upcoming meeting.

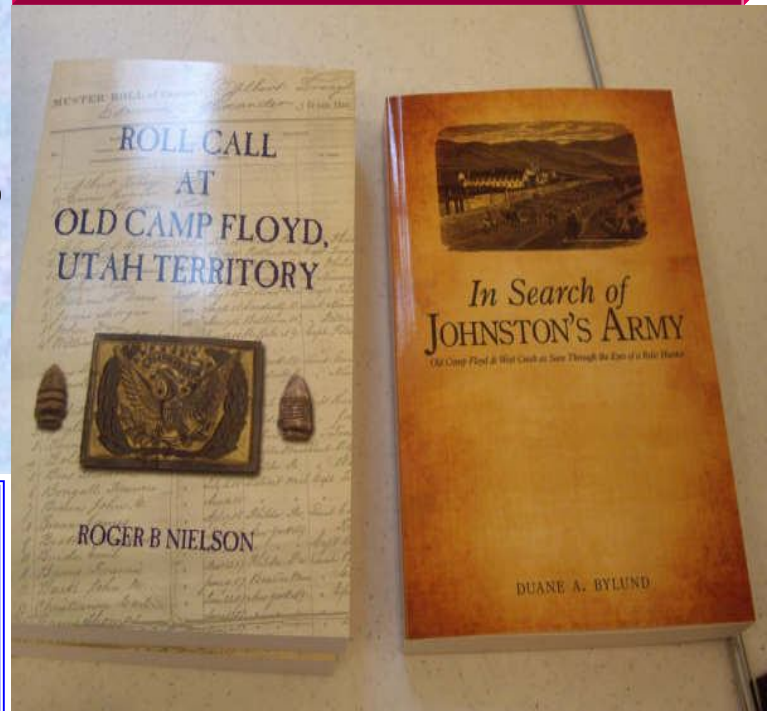
Our club picnic will be scheduled for August 27th. We will have more information as to where and what to bring at the meeting. Also Don Swain will have a sign up sheet for the Gold Select Metal orders.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Keep searching for that gold coin that is just around the corner.

See ya at the meeting.

Todd Monson

PROMPTNESS PRIZE IS DRAWN AT 7:00 pm SHARP



A SPECIAL AWARD IS GIVEN TO EACH MEMBER WHO HAS 100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR. THE AWARD FOR 2008 WAS A SILVER CLUB MEDAL.

MEETING DATES FOR 2009

*January 22 * February 26 * March 26

* April 23 * May 28 * June 25

July 23 * August 27 * September 24 * October 22

*November 19 *December 17 Christmas Party

We will also have "Find of the Month" in March through November (excluding August) **Note** that you may only submit original "finds" since the previous N.U.T.S. meeting (normally 30 days.)

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Robert “Bob” Campbell

By Kris & Michelle Moyes

Here is the rest of Robert’s “Bob’s” Story about his involvement and rise to become President of the ANA.

Thank you Robert for taking the time to share your story with us, and especially to be such a big part of our club.

“I joined the ANA as a life member. There total amount was \$ 400.00 with a payment plan stretched out over 2 years.

I new Richard and Loma Blaylock from Ogden, they were club representatives. I petitioned to be a club representative for the ANA . As the Blaylock’s moved up I got their job as a district delegate. After they retired from their job as a regional coordinator, I took over their job.

I was on the committee in 1986 for some type of entertainment as the banquet chairman. That is where I got involved with the officers at that time. I am still good friends with many of them today. I took some courses in grading and authentication from them.

I was trying to get the ANA to come back to Salt Lake in the late 80’s, early 90’s. I knew I would have to be a board member.

I would talk to the board members to get the vote to come here, it never happened. I ran for election in 1995, I lost at that time and I won in 1997. As soon as I got to be on the board, the election came up to come to Salt Lake City. It was voted on even before I was sworn in and they elected to come to Salt Lake.

There was a vice president who some people did not like and myself and a few others were asked to run for president. I won the election after being a board member for one time. I was the only one time board member and then president in all their one hundred year history. I decided not to run again because you could not run for president again. I talked with other past presidents and they felt it was not good to run for other offices after you have been president.

I have been on several committees since that time. I am an instructor for some classes at the Colorado University, it is called the Coin camp This is my 14th year of being an instructor. I work mostly with coin dealers and occasionally secret service agents.

I am a consultant for the grading services. I do lectures around the country about different specialties that I have. I have also helped out on the mediation committees, and complaint departments at the coin shows here in Salt Lake City. (Continued on page 5)

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. I am known for being a problem solver and deal closer. I run the 3 coin

I started two coin shows from scratch and I took over another from the Utah Numismatic Society.



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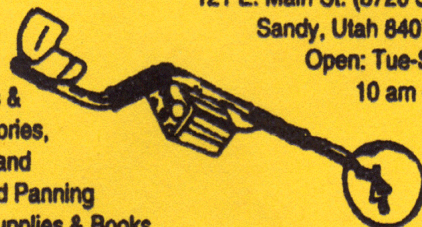
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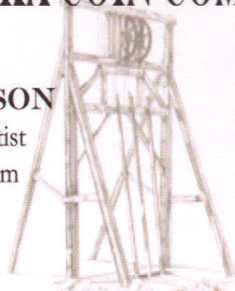
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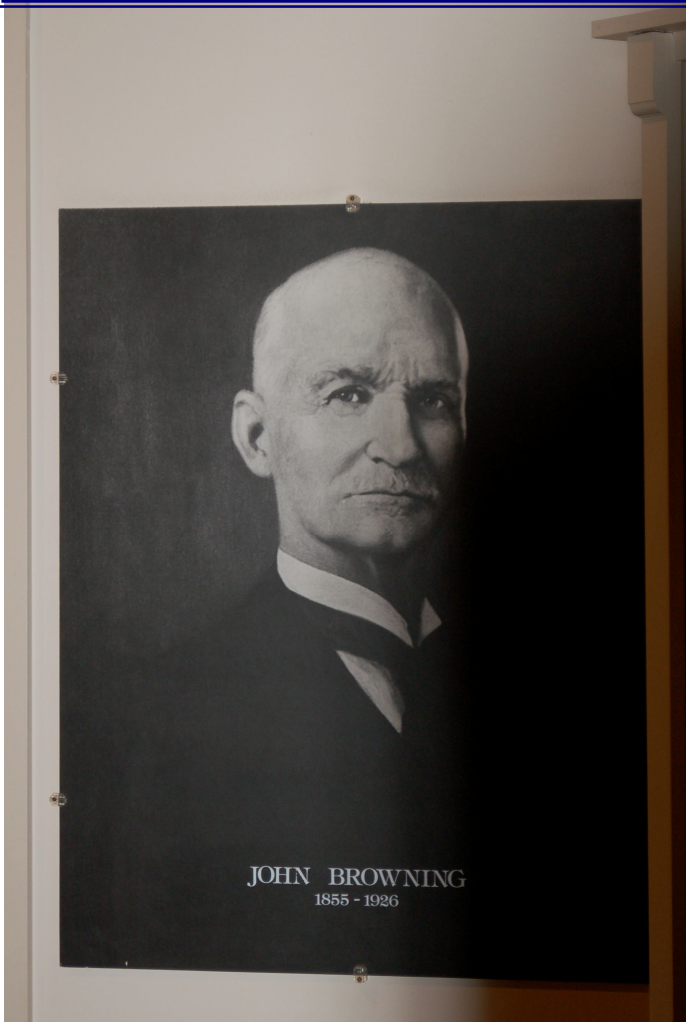
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Ghost Mining Town

Kirwin, Wyoming

KIRWIN, WYOMING

Kirwin, an abandoned mining town, rests high in the Absaroka Mountains, 38 miles southwest of Meeteetse. It sits on the North Fork of the Wood River, a tributary of the Greybull River. In 1881 William Kirwin and Harry Adams were hunting in the area and found gold, copper, silver and lead in this rugged and beautiful country.

By the early 1900's, the town had a population of over 200 people. Money came from the east and from Lead, South Dakota. Millions of dollars were poured into the mining activity. The stage ran three times a week from Meeteetse and all of the machinery was hauled in wagons, piece by piece. Large steel wheels, probably brought in by freight driver "Bronco Nell", provided water-generated air pressure to operate drills in the mines.

A sawmill was built and concrete was hauled by wagon from Cody, 70 miles away to build the structures in Kirwin. Most of the dwellings were usually one or two rooms, there were also a few duplexes, and the mine superintendent had a two story home. A large bunkhouse provided a home for some seventy-five miners employed by the three mines. Frank Blackburn, who had a ranch in the area at this time, states that there were three general stores at one time or another, a post office, and a hotel, but no saloon.

Much of the building in and around Kirwin was not completed. A powerhouse was built down river, supplying all of Kirwin with electricity, but wasn't fully finished. A survey was done for telephone lines from Meeteetse, and some poles were set, but the line was never completed, and a survey team from Burlington Railroad began the plans for a railroad spur that never materialized.

The gold and silver was of low value so the mining operations and the town did not last long. In January of 1907, snow covered the mountains in great drifts and in February, an avalanche swept down the north side of the valley and destroyed the home and store of C.L. Tewksbury, an investor from New York. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnell, who were in charge of the store, and another man, were suffocated in the wreckage. The town never recovered from the tragedy and people began to move away.

In the 1960's AAMAX Mineral Company purchased the land with intentions of pursuing mining interests. Opposition from the locals, and a daunting environmental study caused them to pull out before even beginning.

A few buildings still stand and the mountains show some scars from mining, but the area is still as rugged and beautiful as when Bill Kirwin and Harry Adams hunted the deer and elk.

The United States Forest Service acquired Kirwin in 1992 through the efforts of the Nature Conservancy and the Mellon Foundation.